rods, each rod being pivotally joined to another rod by a scissors connection intermediate the ends of said rod;

hubs, each hub receiving an end portion of at least two rods along separate axes of each hub, the end portion being pivotally joined to said hub, where the end portion pivots in relation to said hub along a single axis of revolution, each end portion pivoting along separate axes of revolution in relation to said hub,

each end portion being rotatable about its axis of revolution from the collapsed compact configuration, where all of said rods are substantially parallel to one another, to the erect open configuration, the containment device articulating along three axes, whereby the containment device changes between the compact and open configurations in height, length and width; and

a canopy connected to at least two hubs and residing in the receptacle region of the erect open containment device.

13. (Twice Amended) The containment device recited in claim 1, further comprising a liner positioned in the receptacle region adjacent said canopy, said liner being made of a material resistive to hazardous chemicals.

20. (Three Times Amended) A rapid deploy containment device adapted to receive and retain hazardous waste, the containment device being convertible between an erect open configuration and a collapsed compact configuration, the containment device comprising:

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rods, each rod being pivotally joined to another rod by a scissors connection intermediate the ends of said rod;

hubs, each hub receiving an end portion of at least two rods along separate axes of each hub, the end portion being pivotally joined to said hub, where the end portion pivots in relation to said hub along a single axis of revolution,

each end portion being rotatable about its axis of revolution from the collapsed compact configuration, where all of said rods are substantially parallel to one another and where said hubs are positioned adjacent one another at each end portion of the collapsed compact configuration, to the open erect configuration, wherein the hubs positioned proximate a top portion of the collapsed compact configuration descend downward toward a bottom portion of the containment device when converting from the collapsed compact configuration to the erect open configuration and wherein the containment device articulates between the collapsed compact configuration and the erect open configuration in height, length, and width; and

a canopy affixed to at least two hubs proximate the top portion of the containment device in the open erect configuration to form the receptacle region capable of receiving and retaining hazardous chemicals.

Please add new claims 29-34, as follows:

29. (New) A portable containment device comprising:

a frame movable between a closed configuration, in which the frame delimits a negligible area, and an open configuration, in which the frame forms a plurality of walls defining a central space, wherein the frame comprises:

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a plurality of rods, each rod comprising a first end, a second end, and an intermediate portion, wherein the intermediate portion of each rod is pivotably connected to the intermediate portion of another rod;

a plurality of first hubs, each first hub receiving first ends of at least two respective rods, wherein each respective rod is pivotable with respect to the first hub about a distinct axis; and

a plurality of second hubs configured to engage a support surface, each second hub receiving second ends of at least two respective rods, wherein each respective rod is pivotable with respect to the second hub about a distinct axis; and

a receptacle comprising a plurality of attachment portions secured to respective first hubs, wherein the receptacle collapses when the frame is in the closed configuration and the receptacle forms a containment volume in the central space when the frame is in the open configuration.

30. (New) The device of claim 29, wherein the frame defines a length, a width, and a height and wherein the length, the width, and the height of the frame in the closed configuration are different from the length, the width, and the height of the frame in the open configuration.

31. (New) The device of claim 30, wherein the length and the width of the frame in the closed configuration are less than the length and the width of the frame in the open configuration.

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